Introduced by Assembly Member Huber (Coauthor: Assembly Member Gatto)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 95—Relative to a constitutional convention.

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ACR 95, as introduced, Huber. Constitutional convention.

This measure would propose that the electors of the state vote at the next statewide general election on the question of whether to call a convention for the purpose of revising the California Constitution.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XVIII of the California
- 2 Constitution provides that the Legislature by rollcall vote entered
- 3 in the journal, two-thirds of the membership of each house
- 4 concurring, may submit at a general election the question of
- whether to call a convention to revise the Constitution; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XVIII of the California
- 7 Constitution further provides that if a majority vote yes on the
- 8 question of whether to call a convention to revise the Constitution,
- 9 the Legislature shall provide for a convention within six months;
- 10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XVIII of the California
- 12 Constitution further provides that delegates to a constitutional
- 13 convention shall be voters elected from districts as nearly equal
- 14 in population as may be practicable; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California at its 2011–12 Regular Session commencing on the sixth day of December 2010, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes that the electors of the state vote at the next statewide general election after passage of this measure on the question of whether to call a convention to revise the California Constitution, subject to all of the following:

- (a) Pursuant to Section 2 of Article XVIII of the California Constitution, the question of whether to call a convention to revise the California Constitution shall be submitted to the electors at the next statewide general election and, if a majority vote yes on that question, within six months the Legislature shall provide for the convention;
- (b) The Secretary of State shall submit the question of whether to call a convention to revise the California Constitution to the electors in the same manner in which the Secretary of State would submit any other measure that is proposed by the Legislature and submitted to a popular vote at a statewide general election;
- (c) The procedure used to elect delegates to the convention, and the rules of procedure regarding the conduct of the convention, shall be prescribed by a statute to be enacted; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State, the Legislative Analyst, the Attorney General, and to the author for appropriate distribution.